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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence

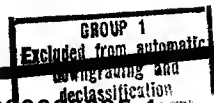
SUBJECT: PSD Support of the NIS

1. The problem of scheduling and carrying through to timely production is, at best, a most difficult process in the NIS program. Being inter-agency in character with numerous organizational units involved in the production of each section, it is almost mandatory that established deadlines be met at each stage of production.

2. The Office of Basic and Geographic Intelligence, as coordinator and publisher, carries the responsibility of maintaining the schedules established by the NIS Committee and approved by the USIB. Since the Agency is both the publisher as well as a producer (in part) of the NIS, it is very important that Agency contributions be of high quality and on time.

3. The PSD plays an important role in the publication process. Over the past 20 years, PSD has performed this task in a most commendable manner. The quality of reproduction has been very high and cooperation with us leaves nothing to be desired. Over the past year, however, we have been concerned about the increasing time factor in reproduction. Although the size of the average section submitted to PSD decreased between FY 66 and FY 67, the average number of days in reproduction increased. The General Surveys are a case in point: In FY 66, the average unit contained 432 folios (including 25 graphics) and took 71 calendar days in PSD. In FY 67, the average size was 404 folios (including 26 graphics) and required 77 days. Thus far into FY 68 the average has been 84 days. The increasing reproduction time is disturbing because it is occurring at a time when total NIS requirements on PSD are declining (47,769 folios in FY 65, 41,304 in FY 66, and 40,833 in FY 67).

4. As you know, PSD supports OBGI in a non-NIS capacity as well. In fairness to the whole picture, it should be noted that

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the demands on PSD from our Cartography Division are numerous and often with short deadlines. Over the years, this support has been excellent and, with a few minor exceptions, continues to date.

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